

Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment

Determination

under
Section 20 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended,
for the

Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Athy Local Area Plan 2021-2027

A Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Determination is being made by Kildare County Council regarding Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Athy Local Area Plan (LAP) 2021-2027.

Section 20 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan warrant the undertaking of SEA.

Such a determination takes into account relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A 'Criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment' of the SEA Regulations, as amended. These criteria are considered in an SEA Screening Report for Proposed Material Alterations that has been prepared to inform this determination.

The SEA Screening Report concludes that:

"Most Proposed Material Alterations are determined not to result in likely significant effects. Taking into account the measures that have been already integrated into the Draft Plan that provide for and contribute towards environmental protection, environmental management and sustainable development, it is identified that all potential effects arising from most Proposed Material Alterations: either are present already (beneficial) and will be further contributed towards; or will be mitigated so as not to be significant (adverse). In addition, some alterations merely add clarifications or amended context setting text for Plan provisions and these will not result in significant environmental effects. Consequently, these Proposed Material Alterations do not require SEA.

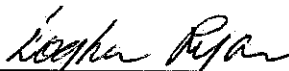
Proposed Material Alterations No. 3, 4, 10, 27 and 43 (refer also to Table 2.2) require full SEA and these will be considered in the SEA Environmental Report."

The undersigned, having carefully considered the information referred to above agrees with and adopts the reasoning and conclusion presented above. The undersigned hereby determines pursuant to Section 20 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that SEA is required for Proposed Material Alterations No. 3, 4, 10, 27 and 43.

This determination has been informed by:

- Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Athy LAP 2021-2027;
- AA Natura Impact Report (including information on AA Screening) for Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Athy LAP 2021-2027.
- SFRA Addendum for Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Athy LAP 2021-2027;
- SEA Environmental Report for the Draft Athy LAP 2021-2027;
- Appropriate Assessment (AA) Natura Impact Report for the Draft Athy LAP 2021-2027;
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for the Draft Athy LAP 2021-2027;
- Draft Athy LAP 2021-2027; and
- The Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023 (as varied).

Signatory: _____



Director of Services Planning and Strategic Development

Date: 10th May 2021